

OF NOTE

Briefings

★ Babies

Bundles for Babies briefing is **Nov. 10**, 8:30-11:30 a.m., in the Family Support Center.

Register at 846-0741.

★ Resumes

Resume Writing Workshop is **Nov. 12**, 5:30-8 p.m., in the Family Support Center.

Register at 846-0741.

★ Home-buying

Home Buyers Seminar is **Nov. 13**, 1-3 p.m., in the Family Support Center.

Register at 846-0741.

★ Labor partnership

The last of the Labor Management Partnership Awareness briefings is **Nov. 12**, 10 a.m., in the theater.

Employees and supervisors unable to attend previous sessions are urged to attend.

Command change

★ Contracting squadron

The 377th Contracting Squadron change of command ceremony is **Nov. 14**, 10 a.m. in the main banquet room of the Mountain View Club.

Maj. Richard Authier will relinquish command to Maj. Ralph Oliva.

Education

★ Spouse scholarship

The Air Force spouses scholarship program provides financial assistance to 30 spouses of Air Force active duty, Reserve or Guard.

Spouses worldwide pursuing associate, bachelor, graduate or post-graduate degree can apply for the \$1,000 scholarships by **Jan. 30**.

Learn details at www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp.

★ College tests end

The Education Center will not offer the College Level Examination Program exams for natural science, college mathematics, English composition, principles of accounting, college level Spanish and History of the U.S. I and II after **Nov. 26**.

★ Test room moved

The Military Testing Room is temporarily moved to Room 110 in the Education Center.

Tests administered are Weighted Airman Promotion System; Air Force Officer Qualifying; Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery and Classification; Defense Language Proficiency; Defense Languages Aptitude Battery; Electronic Data Processing; and Basic Attributes.

★ Virtual ed center

The Community College of the Air Force and the Air Force Virtual Education Center have teamed to help military members build on their

education by using the Air Force Virtual Education Center.

The AFVEC is the Air Force's premier site for providing information about education benefits, including selected CCAF information.

Students may log on to AFVEC, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, from a .mil domain only, to create an account and to access their on-line CCAF academic records and customer service tools.

Events

★ Safety briefings

Officer Bill Cain of the National Crime Prevention Task Force returns to Kirtland AFB to present a holiday personal safety program. Cain presented personal safety information last summer.

The free program **Nov. 13** is 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m., and **Nov. 14** at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., each session in the theater. The briefing is mandatory for 377th Air Base Wing members and open to everyone else on base and their family members.

The presentation includes information about personal and workplace safety, traveling safety, road rage, car theft and carjackings, random acts of violence, identity theft, gang activity and holiday safety.

★ Quarterly awards

TEAM KIRTLAND Quarterly Awards luncheon is **today**, 11:30 a.m., in the Mountain View Club.

★ Lecture

"Buffalo Soldiers" is the topic of a free lecture at the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park, **tomorrow**, 10:30 a.m., in the visitors center, 1100 Louisiana Southeast, just north of Gibson Boulevard.

★ Knowledge Bowl

The Knowledge Bowl Club, a team-based "Jeopardy" style competition, is **every Thursday**, 5:15 p.m., at the Steve Schiff Auditorium of Sandia National Laboratories.

Admission is free. For details contact gregory.brault@kirtland.af.mil or Jason at jvzuffr@sandia.gov.

★ Benefits fair

The Federal Employee Health Benefits open season is **Nov. 10-Dec. 8** for enrollment, changes and cancellations and other services.

The benefits fair is **Nov. 17**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Consolidated Support Building 20245. Changes made during the fair are effective Jan. 11.

Representatives from health plans can answer questions about upcoming changes in benefits or premiums.

You will make your Open Season election or change by using the BEST web-based System at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST_GRB/EBIS.htm or the BEST automated phone system, 800-997-2378.

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★ Trade fair

More than 50 vendors showcase their products and services at the Commander's Trade Fair for small, disadvantaged, high-tech contractors, **Nov. 18**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Rio Grande Community Center.

This event introduces small, disadvantaged contractors to the technical and contracting customers on Kirtland AFB. All base employees are invited the fair with refreshments, door prizes and give-away promotional items.

Call Joan Fulkerson, 846-8515 or 846-4919.

★ Local tour

Welcome to New Mexico Tour is **Nov. 12**, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., starting from the Family Support Center.

Register at 846-0741.

Meetings

★ Blood drive

The William Beaumont Army Medical Center/Fort Bliss Blood Donor Center conducts a blood drive **Nov. 13**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Rio Grande

Community Center.

The center collects blood in support of the Armed Services Blood Program which provides direct medical support to servicemembers.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, have HGB above 12.4 gm, have no history of hepatitis or HIV, not have traveled to Mad Cow risk areas in Europe for the past six months or 1980-1996, or received a tattoo or piercing within the past year.

For more information contact Barbara Yancy-Tooks or Lt. Shaw at (915) 568-3365.

★ AF sergeants

The Air Force Sergeants Association meets **Nov. 19**, 11:30 a.m., in Ground Zero of the Mountain View Club. Enlisted ranks are welcome.

Military working dogs Adis and Aron will be made honorary members during the meeting.

★ Moms group

Members of the Mothers of Preschoolers group, called "MOPS," meet in Bicentennial Park, next to McDonald's, **Nov. 11**, 11:30 a.m.

The regular meeting **Nov. 25**, 9-11:30 a.m., moves to the Rio Grande Community Center during renovation work at the chapel.

Miscellanea

★ Student jobs

The Student Educational Employment Program, called "SEEP," replaces the Stay-in-School program for federal jobs for students.

For information about the student employment program, visit www.studentjobs.gov where resumes can be created and stored for application for jobs.

Call Ricardo Redick, 846-1768.

★ COLA increase

Military retired pay, federal retired pay, VA disability compensation, SBP survivor annuities and Social Security will include a 2.1 percent cost of living allowance starting **Dec. 1**. It will be reflected in checks issued **Jan. 2**.

★ Meals for military

A free buffet dinner and drink for current and former military, including veterans, National Guard and Reservists, is offered **Nov. 10**, 5-7 p.m., at the Golden Corral in Albuquerque.

★ Taxi service

The 377 Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Operations Element offers free round-trip base taxi service for official business from your duty location. Services are

available to DOD military and civilian employees, as well as to Kirtland AFB associate partners.

Transportation services include trips to and from the military or civilian personnel office, military dental and hospital appointment, training, briefings and meetings and to the local airports while on TDY orders.

The service is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-scheduling your transportation requirements as far in advance as possible is recommended.

Call 846-TAXI (8294) or on-line visit the Web site <https://www.mil.kirtland.af.mil/Organization/LRS/LGRV.asp> for more information.

Hours of operation are 6 a.m.-9 p.m. weekdays.

Personnel

★ Suicide, violence briefs

The mandatory Suicide and Violence Prevention Training for Air Force members is conducted by the Life Skills Support Center.

Sessions are **Nov. 25** and **Dec. 9**, 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., in the 377th Air Base Wing Presentation Center in Building 20604. Sessions also are in the theater **Nov. 17**, **Dec. 2** and **17**, 7:30 and 9 a.m., noon and 1:30 and 3 p.m.

Call 846-3305.